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This is a response to the Office action of March 7, 2008.

Claims 1-7 are present in the application.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lousig-Nont (US 4,358,279) in view of Wiley (US 1,883,199).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In applicant's previous response it was explained that upon initial consideration it appears that the patent to Lousig-Nont is somewhat pertinent to applicant's invention but upon closer examination the patent does not anticipate applicant's invention. The Examiner essentially agreed, withdrew the Section 102 rejection, and cited additional art, namely, the patent to Wiley which issued 50 years earlier than the Lousig-Nont patent.

Upon careful review of the Examiner's action, applicant respectfully submits that neither the patent to Lousig-Nont, nor the secondary citation to Wiley, teach or suggest the claimed invention. Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom are directed to a template "for evaluating and scoring designated pairs of responses..." while method claims 6 and 7 define "A method for evaluating designated pairs of responses to a series of questions...." Neither of the cited patents have anything to do with "pairs." What they teach or suggest is different from what applicant has accomplished. Applicant's template (claim 1+) is "for evaluating and scoring designated pairs of responses...),

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while applicant's method (claims 6+) is "for evaluating designated pairs of responses to a series of questions..." It is clear that the cited patents do not, either separately or in combination, involve evaluating any pairs of items. Rather, the patents produce a cumulative score for a series of separate questions.

As pointed out in applicant's previous response, the Examiner indicated that the Lousig-Nont citation teaches a pathway as defined in applicant's claims 1 and 6, and refers to Column 4, lines 19-30 and 38-41. The statements regarding "to rationalize dishonesty" and to a "specific dishonest act if given the chance..." are separate, individual answers, not pairs, that can be graded in favor of, or disfavor of, the person's honesty. Contrary to this, applicant's invention evaluates honesty by evaluating pairs of answers for consistency of answers. It is submitted that the Wiley patent neither teaches nor suggests modifying the Lousig-Nont patent in the manner taught by applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that there is a great difference between the citations and the invention as claimed in independent claims 1 and 6, and the claims depending therefrom.

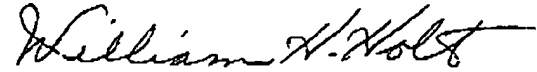
Applicant again wishes to make himself available for an interview with the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the application and would appreciate an indication of the Examiner's

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willingness to conduct such an interview at an early opportunity.

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